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COMMUNICATION

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Commissioner:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the recent interviews regarding the above-referenced US Patent Application. To expedite allowance, Applicants hereby file a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of the term of a patent granted on the instant application over U.S. Patent No. 7,456,011. This terminal disclaimer is accompanied by a copy of a Statement 3.73(b) executed by an authorized representative of the assignee.

Applicants note that the filing of this terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on non-statutory double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection. *See*, MPEP §804.02. Acceptance of the terminal disclaimer is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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